THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) It is reported that a meeting of the local leaders of both the communities was held in Lucknow on 13.1.2001 on the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue. As this was a private initiative in which the Government of India was not represented, it is not possible for the Government to make any authentic statement regarding the decisions taken in that meeting.

Negligent driving by minors

3531. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of deaths on Delhi road are being caused due to rash and negligent driving by the minors;

(b) if so, the number of deaths caused during the last two calendar years; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to make the parents more responsible in allowing the minors not to drive vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of such cases in which minors were found involved during each of the last two years was four only.

(c) There exists a provision in the Motor Vehicle Act to initiate action against the owners of the vehicles driven by minors. In addition, Delhi Police strive to educate the public through appropriate publicity literature, etc. about the hazards of allowing the minors to drive vehicles.

Communal violence in some States

3532. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of people, including policemen were injured as sporadic communal violence took place in some parts of